



## HEALTH CARE CENTRAL

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### 50 States/50 Headlines Underscoring President's Signature Law is "The Craziest Thing in the World"



Pick up any newspaper, and the news continues to get worse by the day for Obamacare, and Americans are paying a hefty price.

Americans continue to voice their concern and outrage with the failed promises of Obamacare. From **more Americans losing coverage**, to the **CO-OP calamity** that has crippled the nation and **struggling state exchanges**, the health law is getting worse—not better—as the years go by.

Even more troubling is that as the law falters, the administration is resorting to extraordinary measures, even **violating the law** to sustain Obamacare. Last fall, the U.S. government's nonpartisan watchdog issued a **legal opinion** sounding the alarm that the administration has been illegally diverting billions of dollars in reinsurance payments to insurance companies. The finding echoes other committee concerns about the administration making cost-sharing reduction and basic health program payments without a lawful Congressional appropriation.

With limited choices (**and five entire states having only one insurer option**), skyrocketing premiums, and everything else, it's no surprise that all 50 states are suffering the ill effects of Obamacare.

**Alabamians foot the bill for ObamaCare's failure as BCBS gears up for 40% rate hike**  
Yellow Hammer News, Alabama

Health care falters on the last frontier

The Atlantic, Alaska

Arizona consumers fret as 'Obamacare' insurance options dwindle

Arizona Republic, Arizona

Largest U.S. health insurer pulls out of health exchanges in Georgia, Arkansas

Kaiser Health News, Arkansas

California Obamacare rates to rise 13% in 2017, more than three times the increase of last two years

LA Times, California

Rate hikes proposed for 2017 individual Colorado health care plans

Denver Post, Colorado

Connecticut health premiums to rise sharply in 2017

The Westerly Sun, Connecticut

Delaware insurers seek double-digit rate hikes

The News Journal, Delaware

State, feds offer conflicting spins on 2017 Obamacare rates

St. Augustine Record, Florida

Aetna to pull out of Georgia's Obamacare insurance marketplace

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Georgia

Hawaii abandons trouble state ObamaCare exchange

Fox News, Hawaii

Idaho reveals 2017 health insurance rates: 24 percent higher for individuals

Boise Weekly, Idaho

Harken to exit Illinois Obamacare exchange

Chicago Tribune, Illinois

IU Health Plans quits Obamacare exchange, citing 'heightened financial uncertainty'

Indianapolis Business Journal, Indiana

UnitedHealth quits Iowa Obamacare marketplace

Des Moines Register, Iowa

Kansas state employee health insurance costs to rise for thousands in 2017

The Topeka Capital-Journal, Kansas

Baptist Health Plan withdraws from Kentucky's individual insurance market

The Lane Report, Kentucky

Louisiana insurers among those seeking Obamacare rate hikes

The Times-Picayune, Louisiana

Health insurance co-op sues federal government, says it's owed \$22.9 million  
Portland Press Herald, Maine

Health insurers seek rate increases in Maryland as United Healthcare quits market  
Baltimore Sun, Maryland

Massachusetts insurer sues feds over Obamacare program  
Boston Business Journal, Massachusetts

Grand Valley Health Plan getting out of managed care, blames Obamacare  
MLive, Michigan

Individual health plan premiums to jump at least 50 percent in Minn.  
Star Tribune, Minnesota

Health insurance coverage to thin out for 2017  
Mississippi Business Journal, Mississippi

Health insurers seek rate increases as Missouri readies for regulatory authority  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Missouri

Montana health insurers ask for 20-62 percent price increases  
Montana Public Radio, Montana

'This has to stop': Premium costs climb higher because of high utilization of medical care, fees from  
Obamacare  
World-Herald, Nebraska

Nevada Health CO-OP, now defunct, still causing headaches  
Las Vegas Review-Journal, Nevada

Another ACA failure bad idea keeps getting worse  
Union Leader, New Hampshire

Health Republic Insurance of New Jersey's demise exposes flaws of Obamacare  
The Record, New Jersey

Presbyterian Health Plan pulls out of 'Obamacare' market  
Santa Fe New Mexican, New Mexico

ObamaCare rates set to skyrocket for most New Yorkers  
New York Post, New York

Blue Cross projects \$400M loss in NC on ACA in just two years  
The Courier-Tribune, North Carolina

Sanford Health Plan posts \$76.5 million loss for 2015  
Grand Forks Herald, North Dakota

Obamacare options to shrink for many in Ohio  
Chillicothe Gazette, Ohio

Oklahoma Had Highest Price Increases On Federal Insurance Marketplace Last Year  
KGOU Public Radio, Oklahoma

'Cover Oregon' Cover-Up  
U.S. News & World Report, Oregon

Capital BlueCross to offer fewer Obamacare plans next year  
LancasterOnline, Pennsylvania

R.I.'s health insurance exchange struggles  
Providence Journal, Rhode Island

Health care experts question future of Obamacare marketplace in South Carolina  
The Post and Courier, South Carolina

Health Insurance rates could soar in South Dakota  
KELO Radio, South Dakota

BCBST's exit from 3 Obamacare markets sends shock waves  
The Tennessean, Tennessee

Obamacare ripples through Texas as health insurers propose steep rate hikes  
San Antonio Express-News, Texas

Humana exiting Utah ACA exchange  
KTVX TV, ABC, Utah

Vermont health professionals opting out of state health care system  
VermontWatchdog.org, Vermont

Why Anthem ObamaCare premiums will soar in Virginia as Humana bolts  
Investor's Business Daily, Virginia

Rate requests way up for 2017 individual health-care plans  
The Seattle Times, Washington

Real Reform?: Obamacare shows more is not better in healthcare  
The Journal, West Virginia

UnitedHealth confirms exit from Wisconsin Obamacare market  
Milwaukee Business Journal, Wisconsin

Choices dwindling for Obamacare customers  
CNN, Wyoming

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